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SUBJECT: FAHMY'S VIEWS RE FIRST MEETING OF JOINT WORKING GROUPS

1. WHEN MEETING WITH FAHMY LAST NIGHT, I ASKED ABOUT HIS THINKING RE CONVENING THE JOINT WORKING GROUPS (JWG) MENTIONED IN THE DECLARATION OF JUNE 14. I RECALLED THAT PARA IV THEREOF CALLS FOR HOLDING SUCH JWG MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE WASHINGTON SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION (JCC). SINCE THE LATTER IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN AUGUST, ANY JWG SESSIONS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE IN EITHER LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST.

2. FAHMY RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE JWGS SHOULD MEET BEFORE HIR WASHINGTON TRIP IN AUGUST. INSTEAD, THE GROUPS SHOULD BE FORMALLY ORGANIZED AT THE AUGUST JCC SESSION, GIVEN TERMS OF REFERENCE AND TASKED WITH PRODUCING SOME CONCRETE RESULTS IN TIME FOR PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO THE US LATER THIS YEAR. ASSUMING THE LATTER TAKES PLACE IN NOVEMBER, FAHMY NOTED THIS WOULD GIVE JWGS APPROXIMATELYFOUR MONTHS TO COME UP WITH TANGIBLE RESULTS.

3. COMMENT: FROM HERE, THIS SEEMS LIKE A USEFUL WAY TO PROCEED. IT ALLOWS BOTH SIDES SOME TIME TO

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DO THE NECESSARY PRELIMINARY PLANNING AND MOBILIZATION

ACTIVITIES. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A
MEMORANDUM ON HOW THE DECLARATION MIGHT BE IMPE-
MENTED AND WILL SUBMIT SAME ASAP.
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